

TOWN IS WIPED OUT BY GREAT OVERFLOW

Hundreds of People Reported
Drowned.

AWFUL CALAMITY IN OREGON.

Cloudbursts Descend Upon Heppner,
Ore., Converting Streams Near by
Into Raging Torrents—One Hundred
and Five Bodies Found.

Spokane, Wash., June 16.—Special telegraphic and telephonic advices from Arlington, Ore., state that the town of Heppner, Ore., was destroyed by a great flood of water that rushed down Willows creek between 6 and 7 o'clock last evening. Reports from lone state that from 350 to 500 people are believed to have been drowned.

At 5 o'clock this morning it was reported that 105 bodies had been found. The wires are all down, and only meager reports of the disaster have been obtained, which are brought by messengers.

Heppner is a town of about 1,250 inhabitants, the county seat of Morrow county, Oregon, at the terminus of a branch of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company. Farming and stock raising are the chief industries. Willows creek, which is given as the cause, is ordinarily a small stream and early reports indicate the flood was caused by either one or two cloudbursts.

MOB AFTER FIREBUG.

Farmers, Armed with Guns, Searching
For Incendiary.

New York, June 16.—Armed with shotguns and rifles, the farmers and summer residents of Mount Kisco and Newcastle, N. Y., are looking for the incendiary who has set fire to more than a dozen houses and barns and poisoned almost every dog in the two townships since the first of the year.

It will go hard with the firebug if they catch him. The town board has offered a reward of \$1,000 for his capture and conviction. No one can positively identify the man, nor even describe him with any degree of accuracy, although he has been seen on several occasions leaving the house or barn which shortly afterward burst into flames. It is generally believed he is a lunatic. Many valuable dogs belonging to wealthy New York business men have fallen victims to the poisoner.

OIL STOVE EXPLODES.

Girl and Boy Enveloped in Sheet of
Flames.

New York, June 16.—Enveloped in flames from head to foot, Josephine Alonde, 19 years old, and her brother, Alphonse, 17 years old, were rescued from their blazing apartments in Brooklyn.

Josephine died a few hours later at a hospital and the brother cannot recover. The accident was caused by the explosion of an oil stove which Alphonse tried to fill while it was burning. The blazing oil instantly enveloped the brother and sister. The former carried Josephine to a window and succeeded in summoning aid before he fell, unconscious.

The explosion caused a panic among the other tenants, who fled to the street, but the fire was confined to the Alonde apartment.

STARS AND STRIPES' BIRTHDAY.

Anniversary of Law Creating National
Emblem Celebrated.

New York, June 16.—The anniversary of the birthday of the stars and stripes was greeted today, when, at sunrise, the national banner was run up throughout the city by patriotic societies. Many private houses also will display the flag, while in the public schools exercises commemorating the day will be held.

The law creating the national emblem was enacted June 14, 1777, so that the anniversary this year fell on the Sabbath, but circulars were sent broadcast by the American Flag association asking that today be celebrated instead.

Thinks Reform Needed at Home.

New York, June 16.—At the end of a sermon praising the Jew and condemning his detractors, the Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage, at the Unitarian Church of the Messiah, has commented on the numerous lynchings in this country. He declared that before a delegation is sent to Russia to lay a protest against the Kishineff massacre before the czar, a better condition of affairs should be established in this country.

Baseball Drove Him Crazy.

New York, June 16.—Thomas Donahue, a native of Harrison, N. J., has become insane through excitement over a baseball game. Donahue was an inveterate "fan." The other day he witnessed a game between Newark and Buffalo teams, which run in a score of 1 to 0. He became greatly excited and his friends, who say he has been acting strangely ever since, finally had him taken into custody by the authorities.

Balloons Carried to Sea.

Marseilles, France, June 16.—A balloon with four aeronauts was carried out to sea yesterday afternoon. Their fate is not known.

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